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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**  
**Under Small Entity Status**

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2664

Invention: INTERLOCKING SONET/SDH NETWORK ARCHITECTURE

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|               | CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT |       | HIGHEST NUMBER<br>PREVIOUSLY PAID<br>FOR | NO. OF EXTRA<br>CLAIMS PRESENT | RATE  | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
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| INDEP. CLAIMS | 2                                   | MINUS | 8  | 0                              | \$100 | \$ 0.00           |

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— Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

An Assertion of Small Entity Status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated March 22, 2006, please find the following:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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